

REMARKS

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action, applicant has carefully studied the Examiner's rejections. Claim 13 has been canceled herein. Claims 14 and 15, 18, 20 and 24 have been amended to depend from claim 17, and claims 17 and 23 have been amended herein into independent form. Claims 25 and 26 have not been amended and have previously been indicated as allowed. Claims 16, 19, and 22 have not been amended as they depend from other dependent claims which now depend from claim 17. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been presented in these amendments, nor have new issues been raised. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the following detailed arguments is respectfully requested.

INDICATION OF ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner indicated that claims 17 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of those claims and their respective base claims and any intervening claims, and also if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112.

It is submitted that the Examiner has not added new rejections under 35 USC 112, and that in fact the previous rejections under this section have been overcome, as noted by the Examiner in paragraph 15 of the application.

Claims 17 and 23 have been amended herein to include the limitations of their base claims and are thus believed to be allowable. These claims are presented in a slightly different manner than claims 25 and 26, and are thus believed to be properly separate from those claims.

Claims 25 and 26 are allowed.

It is therefore believed that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and action towards that end is respectfully requested.

ABSTRACT

The abstract has been deleted and a new abstract presented which contains fewer than 150 words, and is believed to more accurately state the invention. It is therefore requested that this new abstract be entered.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC §102 and 103

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections are moot, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is believe that the above amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to modify the application in any way, applicant's attorney suggests a telephone interview in order to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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